

House of Representatives, April 7, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESALE OF TICKETS TO ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 53-289 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 No person shall sell, offer for sale or
5 attempt to sell any ticket, privilege or license
6 of admission to an entertainment event, including,
7 but not limited to, any place of amusement, arena,
8 stadium, theater, performance, sport, exhibition
9 or athletic contest given in this state, at a
10 price greater than TWICE the price, including tax,
11 printed thereon, or at a price greater than the
12 price fixed for admission, including tax, and a
13 reasonable service charge for services actually
14 rendered not to exceed three dollars, WHICHEVER IS
15 GREATER. The owner or operator of the property on
16 which such entertainment event is to be held or is
17 being held may authorize, in writing, any person
18 to sell such ticket, privilege or license of
19 admission at a price in excess of that authorized
20 under this section. Such writing shall specify the
21 price for which such ticket, privilege or license
22 of admission is to be sold. Any person violating

23 any provision of this section shall be guilty of
24 ticket scalping. Ticket scalping is a class C
25 misdemeanor for a first offense, a class A
26 misdemeanor for a second offense and a class D
27 felony for any subsequent offense. The sale of
28 each ticket, privilege or license of admission in
29 violation of any provision of this section shall
30 constitute a separate offense.

31 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 21 NAY 20 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5585

STATE IMPACT	None
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Criminal Justice Agencies

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sHB 5585

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SUMMARY: This bill increases the amount for which an entertainment ticket may be resold. Current law limits resale prices to \$3 above face value while the bill allows the price to be the greater of twice the face value or \$3 above face value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

FURTHER EXPLANATION**Violations of the Scalping Statute**

Current law prohibits selling, offering for sale, or attempting to sell an entertainment ticket for more than \$3 above face value. It exempts sales made with the written permission of the facility owner or operator, provided the new price is specified in writing. The sale of each ticket in violation of the statute is a separate offense. A first offense is a class C misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in

prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both. A second offense is a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. Any subsequent offense is a class D felony punishable by one to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 21 Nay 20